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## **JOINT TASK FORCE-FIRE FIGHTING (JTF-FF) WORKING TO EXTINGUISH CALIFORNIA FIRES**

CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif. – Combined efforts of the JTF-FF, under the authority of U.S. Northern Command, are answering the state's call along with civil authorities in battling a wildfire disaster of unprecedented magnitude in California's history.

The JTF-FF added six helicopters from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, California, to its fire fighting efforts, utilizing three to conduct fire suppression water drops on the Cedar and Paradise fires today.

In addition, more than 500 personnel from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, Camp Pendleton, California, were called up when the USDA Forest Service requested reinforcements. The battalion was formed in a day and ready to join the fire fighting efforts.

"To have the Marines join the task force in our efforts to contain these wildfires, provided a critical component to the fight. Northcom (U.S. Northern Command) brought the finest available at a time when it was most needed to quickly end the wildfires," said Brigadier General John E. Iffland, Commander of the Joint Task Force-Fire Fighting.

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## **JTF-FF working to extinguish California Fires**

The JTF-FF is a tactical combination of air and ground resources working together under his command. The involved units are from Air National Guard, Air Force Reserves, and the Marines.

A mission summary of air support activity through 1 Nov follows:

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Mis- sions Flown</b>	<b>Retardant/Water Dispersed (gallons)</b>
145th Airlift Wing; Charlotte, N.C.	2/C-130 MAFFS	50	3	8,100
146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, Calif.	2/C-130 MAFFS	60	31	83,700
153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne, Wyo.	2/C-130 MAFFS	29	4	10,800
302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.	2/C-130 MAFFS	41	10	27,000
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.	2/CH-464/CH- 53	39	50	50,000
Cumulative total		219	98	179,600

The JTF-FF is assisting the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) by working with the USDA Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in the containment of fires in Southern California. The task force headquarters is located at this base, 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

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